

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
March 6, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7 p.m. Bill Auvil led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Al Evans, Claudia Louk, Tom Crooks, and Randy Robinson. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Keith Cooper, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed February 21, 2023 minutes. Tom Crooks made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper gave his department’s report for February 2023. There were 12 cases ranging from domestic disputes, frauds, civil issues, trespassing and theft. In most cases it was the same two address involved in the cases. Council went ahead and discussed the code violation with Keith. Darin and Sara Berntgen submitted a letter to council asking for a 90 extension to remove the horse from their property. Council discussed how this was the 4th violation of animals since they have lived on Roberts Road. They extra animals they have had were a horse, (2) miniature horses, pigs and now a horse again. In each case they already had a steer and per code they can only have the one animal since they own less than an acre. Council consensus was to give them one extra week and that is all.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave the Public Works Report for February 2023. The orange sweeper is repaired and ready for use. The generator at the grinders has been repaired. The heating fuel line from the furnace to the tank has been replaced at City Hall. We have had two water meters freeze and break, they have been replaced. Some potholes have been patched with cold mix. Public Works will be removing the insulation and damaged sheetrock from the ceiling of the old fire station shop. Foster Construction will install new insulation and finish the ceiling with tin.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **CODE VIOLATION RESPONSE** – This was reviewed during the Town Marshal’s Report.
 - B. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHITMAN COUNTY** – After 3 years since Whitman County requested an update to the interlocal agreement, one has been approved by our

Town Attorney as well as the County's Attorney. Randy Robinson made the motion to allow Mayor Palmer to sign the interlocal agreement between the Town and Whitman County. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- C. **WATER PROJECT CLAIM** – Council members reviewed documentation from Thomas Rihrer who is the attorney with Evans, Craven & Lackie who will be representing the Town against the claim from Bill & Jodi Lanius regarding the damage their basement received during the water project. The claim filed names the contractor, NNAC and the Town for the damages that occurred when the contractor was flushing a new water main on McCoy street and it backed up into the Lanius's house.
- D. **ORDINANCE NO. 651 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 651 regulating the parking of commercial vehicles in residential zones. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – motion passed. Claudia Louk made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 651 that states commercial vehicles can not park in residential zones from November 1st through March 31st. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- E. **COUNCIL CANDIDATES** – The deadline for individuals who want to be a candidate for Tom Crooks's council members seat is Friday, March 17th by 4 p.m. at City Hall. As of today, we only have one candidate – Shon Eck. The candidates will be interviewed at the next council meeting on Monday, March 20th and one will be selected to be appointed to replace Tom Crooks.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

RANDY – None

TOM – He has no updates on the aluminum fishing boat.

CLAUDIA – None

AL – None

BILL – None

- X. **TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for March 2023. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #28419 - #28436 in the amount of \$8,781.21 for claims and \$11,960.57 for payroll totaling \$20,741.78 from February 22, 2023 through March 2, 2023. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Tom Crooks made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:40 p.m. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER